

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: SCHAEFER, et al.

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For: Biological Joint Construct

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant herewith respectfully requests the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-35 and replace them with claims 1-31 as outlined on the attached substitute sheets.